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MIXED-UP STATES

1. H A
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2. A A N
   T M
   N O
   _____

3. M E
   T O N
   R V
   _____

4. N I
   M E
   A
   _____

5. K A S
   A A
   L
   _____

6. S I S
   N O N
   C I W
   _____

7. D O O R
   O C
   L A
   _____

8. G A S
   W I N
   H O T N
   _____

9. S A V E
   L A Y
   N N I N P
   _____

10. N E S T
    S E
    N E E
    _____

11. S O M E
    T A N N
    I
    _____

12. H A S T A
    S S S C
    T E U M
    _____

13. M B L
    A A A
    A
    _____

14. L A W
    R E D
    A E
    _____

MIXED-UP STATES

1. G N I
   I R I
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2. N D A
   I A N
   I
   _____

3. L L I
   I O S
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4. O H
   O I
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5. T E K
   K U N
   Y C
   _____

6. O E G
   R N O
   _____

7. A L C O
   I F R N
   A I
   _____

8. S S S I
   M I P
   S P I I
   _____

9. A A O
   O M L
   L H
   _____

10. I H A
    M I N
    C G
    _____

11. S S U
    I O R
    M I
    _____

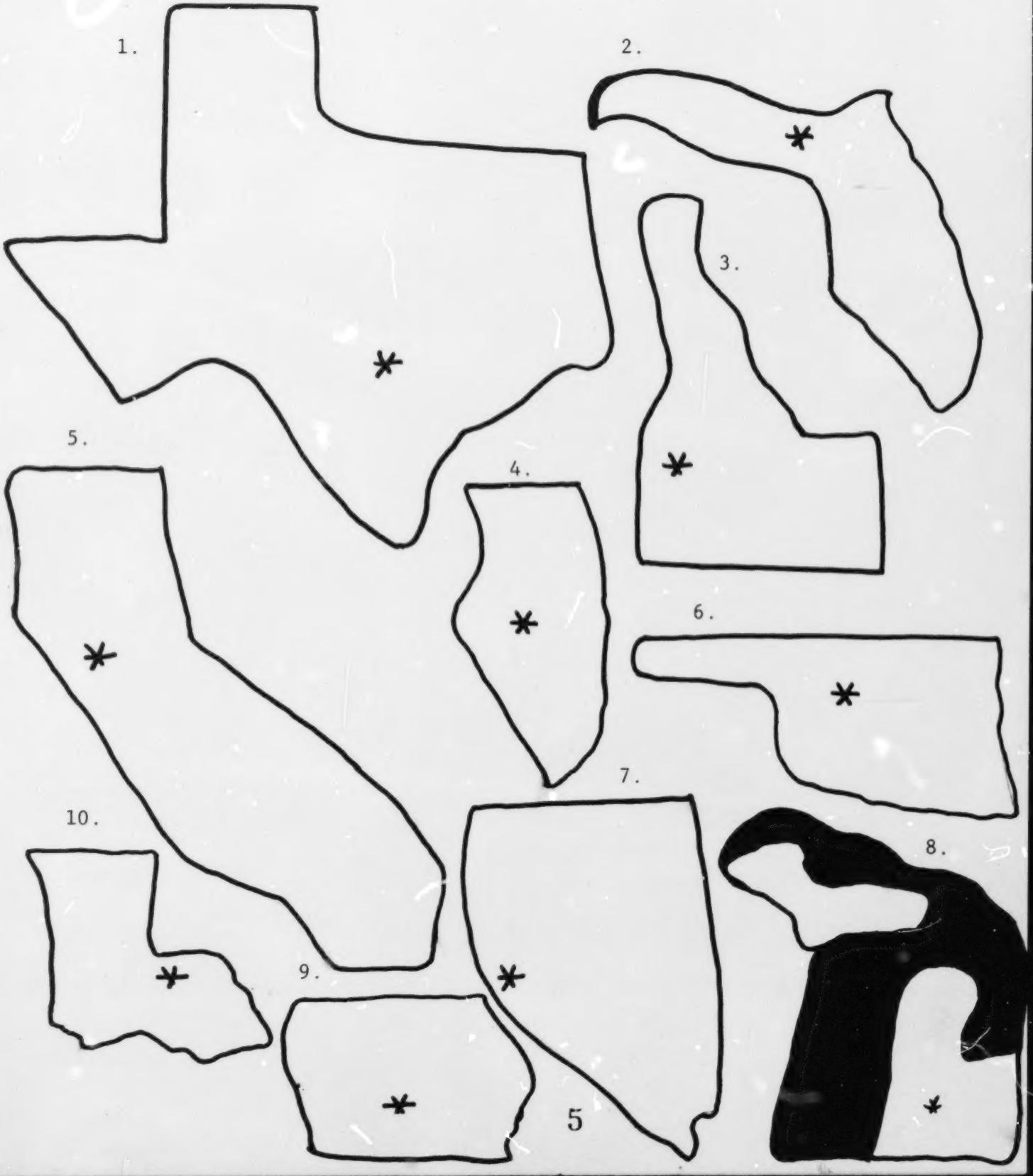
12. X E A
    T X
    _____

13. W I
    A O
    _____

14. T E N N
    U C C C
    T I O
    _____

15. K A N
    R E B
    S A
    _____

Label each state with the correct name. Write the name of of the capital by the *.



50 STATE NAMES

Write in the abbreviation of the fifty states on each state outline on the map.

1. Alabama (AL)
2. Alaska (AK)
3. Arizona (AZ)
4. Arkansas (AR)
5. California (CA)
6. Colorado (Co)
7. Connecticut (CT)
8. Delaware (DE)
9. Florida (FL)
10. Georgia (GA)
11. Hawaii (HI)
12. Idaho (ID)
13. Illinois (IL)
14. Indiana (IN)
15. Iowa (IA)
16. Kansas (KS)
17. Kentucky (KY)
18. Louisiana (LA)
19. Maine (ME)
20. Maryland (MD)
21. Massachusetts (MA)
22. Michigan (MI)
23. Minnesota (MN)
24. Mississippi (MS)
25. Missouri (MO)
26. Montana (MT)
27. Nebraska (NE)
28. Nevada (NV)
29. New Hampshire (NH)
30. New Jersey (NJ)
31. New Mexico (NM)
32. New York (NY)
33. North Carolina (NC)
34. North Dakota (ND)
35. Ohio (OH)
36. Oklahoma (OK)
37. Oregon (OR)
38. Pennsylvania (PA)
39. Rhode Island (RI)
40. South Carolina (SC)
41. South Dakota (SD)
42. Tennessee (TN)
43. Texas (TX)
44. Utah (UT)
45. Vermont (VT)
46. Virginia (VA)
47. Washington (WA)
48. West Virginia (WV)
49. Wisconsin (WI)
50. Wymoing (WY)

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U. S. A. MAP QUESTIONS

1. Which state or states have boundaries that consist ONLY of straight lines?_____
2. Which state or states have boundaries that consist of NO straight lines?_____
3. Which state extends farthest north?_____
4. Which state extends farthest south?_____
5. Which state extends farthest west?_____
6. Which state extends farthest east?_____
7. Which two states border on the greatest number of other states?_____
8. Which 3 foreign countries are the closest neighbors of the United States?_____

   _____
9. What is the smallest number of states that you would have to pass through traveling from Canada to Mexico?_____
   Write one of the routes._____

   _____
10. What is the smallest number of states that you would have to pass through traveling cross-country from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific Coast?_____
    Write a route._____

    _____

Add a correct state abbreviation to the beginning of the words below so that each sentence makes sense.

1. The __ __ borer was unhappy about his wages.
2. During the fight, the boxer received a __ __ rming.
3. The businessman thought the deal offered him was too __ __ sky.
4. The batter hit a __ __gh fly.
5. He stayed home because he was feeling __ __l.
6. The banker made a particularly fine __ __ vestment.
7. After the cat had spilled the milk, Jane had to __ __rub the floor.
8. The plane arrived after a __ __ lay of 50 minutes.
9. All vacationers look forward to sun__ __ days.
10. The wood from an o__ __ tree is tough and long lasting.
11. The bridegroom presented his bride with a garden__ __.
12. Everyone enjoys a __ __cation.
13. Nobody would mind a hot day unless it was also hum__ __.
14. The young actor's deb__ __ was hailed as a great success.
15. The commuter was advised to take a loc__ __ instead of the express.
16. The do__ __ of the capitol glistened in the bright sun.
17. What the dollar is to Americans the fra__ __ is to the French.
18. The ball player's only injury was a sprained ___ ___ m.

TWO-LETTER STATE ABBREVIATIONS

AL	Alabama	KY	Kentucky	NC	North Carolina
AK	Alaska	LA	Louisiana	ND	North Dakota
AZ	Arizona	ME	Maine	OH	Ohio
AR	Arkansas	MD	Maryland	OK	Oklahoma
CA	California	MA	Massachusetts	OR	Oregon
CO	Colorado	MI	Michigan	PA	Pennsylvania
CT	Connecticut	MN	Minnesota	RI	Rhode Island
DE	Delaware	MS	Mississippi	SC	South Carolina
FL	Florida	MO	Missouri	SD	South Dakota
GA	Georgia	MT	Montana	TN	Tennessee
HI	Hawaii	NE	Nebraska	TX	Texas
ID	Idaho	NV	Nevada	UT	Utah
IL	Illinois	NH	New Hampshire	VT	Vermont
IN	Indiana	NJ	New Jersey	VA	Virginia
IA	Iowa	NM	New Mexico	WA	Washington
KS	Kansas	NY	New York	WV	West Virginia
				WI	Wisconsin
				WY	Wyoming

CROSSING STATE LINES

Here's a different kind of traffic problem. You are going to travel across state lines. The problem is to know which state you have to cross in order to get from Column I to Column II on these two pages. (Cross out the wrong state and leave the right state.)

	COLUMN I FROM	THROUGH	COLUMN II TO
1.	Tennessee	Kentucky Arkansas	Indiana
2.	Kansas	Ohio Nebraska	South Dakota
3.	Montana	North Dakota Wyoming	Colorado
4.	Louisiana	Mississippi Texas	Alabama
5.	New Mexico	Nevada Utah	Idaho
6.	Oklahoma	Missouri Nebraska	Iowa
7.	Delaware	Virginia Maryland	West Virginia
8.	Florida	Georgia Alabama	South Carolina
9.	Pennsylvania	Ohio Indiana	Michigan
10.	North Dakota	Minnesota Michigan	Wisconsin

STATED STRANGELY

Find the hidden name of a state in each sentence. Underline it.

1. Jim and Ida hoed six rows of beans.
2. Sally just got a darling new York terrier from her Uncle Bill.
3. Color a dog brown and white.
4. I hid the box in Diana's closet.
5. Is he admired for his courage or giant strength?
6. Ann Eva Dayton is a beautiful girl!
7. If she should awaken, tuck your baby back in bed.
8. Carla has a new jersey knit gown.
9. You will miss our ideas when we are gone!
10. The cabin was common tan and brown in color.
11. We cheered Big Tex as he rode the wild horse.
12. Codes of man made law are to live by.
13. As we traveled south, Carol inadvertently followed the wrong signs.
14. Mary landed her kite on the village green.
15. "Is the gold ore gone from Willow Cave?" asked the miner.
16. Take a picture of Lori dancing.
17. "Cheerio! Hi! Open the gate! We're here!" said the riders.
18. When I was ill, I noisily coughed and cleared my throat.
19. When you go to the hospital, ask a doctor for help.
20. Pay your bills weekly--never monthly.
21. The radio was on too loud.
22. The teacher said, "Al, ask an intelligent question."
23. "Miss, our ice cream is the best," said the clerk.

Directions: Circle the names of our fifty states.

S T T E S U H C A S S A M T R S M Z A O R U

R E T S K C I K P L B V R S Y A V E M A A W

A N O Z I R A I N I G R I V T S E W I D N Y

A I N R O F I L A C U A Z X Y S R G N I A K

N O T G N I H S A W L N A B S T M E N R I C

S O U T H D A K O T A N E E J J O O E O S U

M A R Y L A N D L M I H N W N O N R S L I T

O P U T A H R S T L N N U E J V T G O F U N

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X N I S N O C S I W R T S A N A T N O M C N

T T U C I T C E N N O C S I O N I L L I X D

Write the names of the states that have the following words in them.

1. ask_____
2. ark_____
3. ash_____
4. aware_____
5. carol_____
6. color_____
7. connect_____
8. cat_____
9. ego_____
10. ill_____
11. Indian_____
12. land_____
13. mass_____
14. miss_____
15. nor_____
16. ode_____
17. ore_____
18. out_____
19. pen_____
20. see_____
21. set_____
22. sign_____
23. sip_____
24. sour_____
25. tan_____
26. ten_____
27. ton_____
28. tuck_____
29. use_____
30. van_____
31. wash_____
32. cut_____

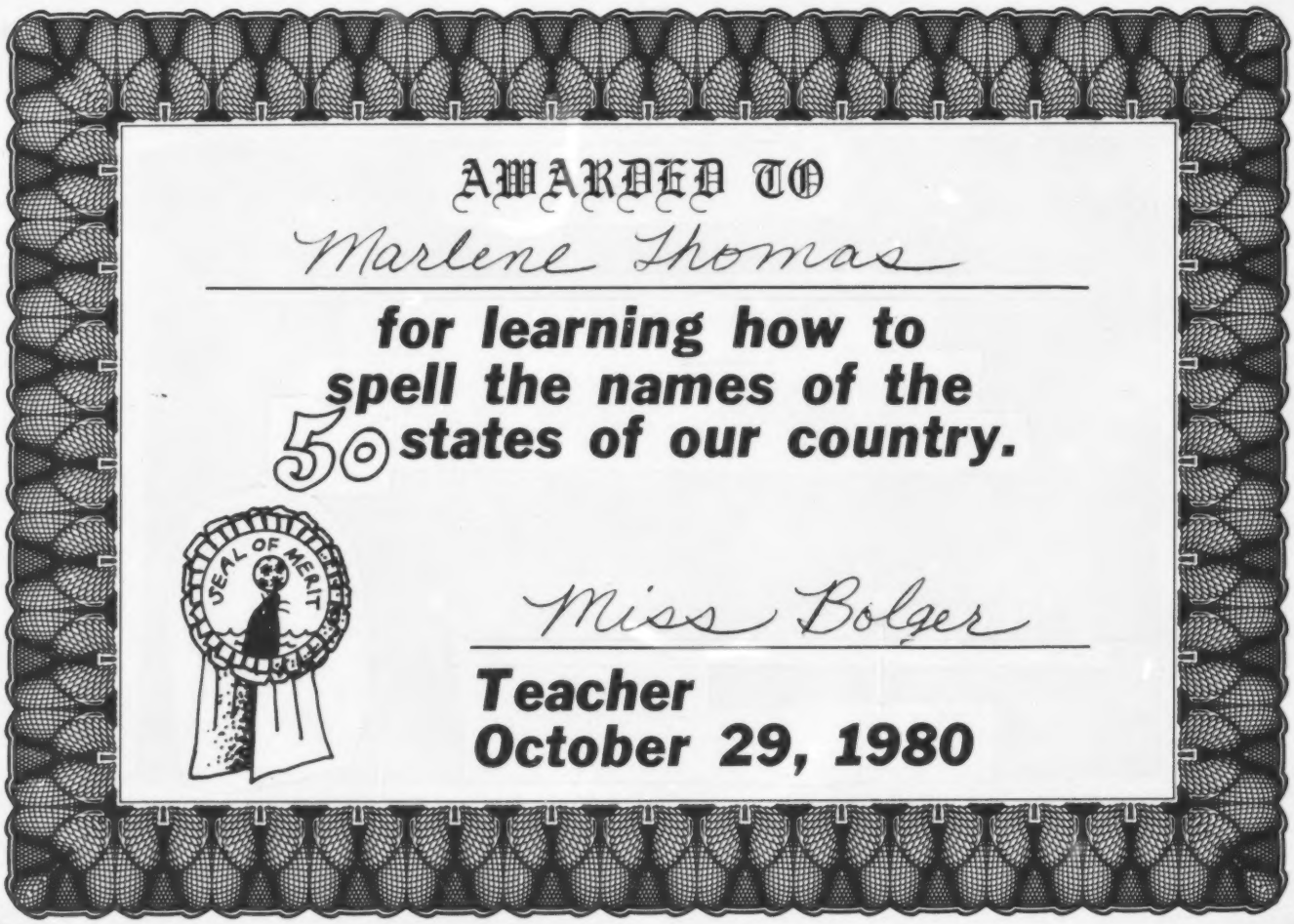
* Variation: Have students find small words in state names and make a list of them.

LEARNING TO SPELL OUT 50 STATE NAMES

Time: 5 weeks

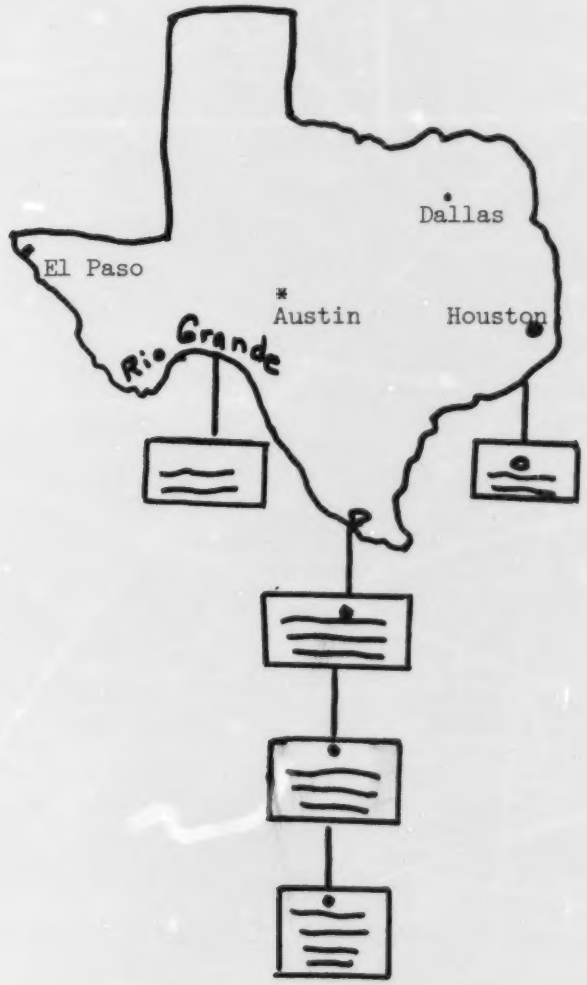
Each week give the students a list of ten state names to study. On day one, students should write each state name three times on their list. On day three, students should take a trial test. After each item, the teacher should write the word on the chalkboard and spell it aloud. If students misspelled the word, they should cross out the incorrect spelling and write it correctly. The week's test should be give on day five.

As a culminating activity, students could be given a list of the fifty states to review. Students who receive 100% on the final test could be given the certificate below. The teacher could put a seal on the award and laminate it.



STATES PARADE

Assign each student a state to research. The students should make cards of significant information of his/her state. Students should use a paper punch to make holes in the cards. These cards should be tied and attached to a tagboard outline of the state. The states may be displayed on cork strip in the hallway of the school.



HIDDEN CITIES

Underline the names of U.S.A. cities in each sentence. The letters are together, although they may be part of various words. EXAMPLE: "Jack, son, come here, "said his father.

1. The lion leaves his den very often.

2. "Mom, I am in the basement," cried the child.

3. "We'll have rain today, tonight, and tomorrow," said the weatherman.

4. He can get a tune from a harp.

5. "Will the transport land on time?" asked the man.

6. We were in Maine in August a year ago.

7. Helen and Ruth are sisters.

8. First, Paul had something to say before the meeting.

9. The anchor aged in the dirty water.

10. The student knew what to do very often.

11. As Bill was polishing the car, he had to buff along the side.

12. The banker was rich Monday through Friday.

13. The millionaire left worthless items in his mansion.

14. In the spring, fields of wild flowers grow in many places.

15. The water looked refreshing to the thirsty man.

16. Since she is last, Lou is angry.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE LARGEST CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES?

1. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
2. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. _ _ _ _ A _ _
4. _ _ _ _ _ _ E _ _ _ _ _
5. _ _ _ _ O _ _
6. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
7. _ O _ _ _ _
8. _ _ _ I _ _ _ _ _ _
9. _ _. _ _ _ I _
10. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, _. _.

AMERICANAGRAMS: PLACES

An anagram is a word or phrase that can be changed into another word by rearranging the letters. In each of these puzzles, rearrange the words printed in capital letters, so that they spell out the name of an American city. A clue is contained in the sentence itself.

1. A fisherman found his NET TORN in _____, the capital of New Jersey.
2. When is NORICH, MD., the capital of VIRGINIA? When it is _____.
3. If you look closely you can SEE A TALL ASH tree in _____, the capital of Florida.
4. My AUNT IS living in _____, the capital of Texas.
5. Thieves LOOTED many homes in _____, a city in Ohio.
6. They say that baseball FANS EAT well in Santa Fe, the capital of NEW MEXICO.
7. "LET'S EAT" is the citizens cry in _____, a city in Washington.
8. If you walk ON SOUTH street, you may be in _____, a Texas city.
9. Cadets eat STEW IN POT in _____ _____, home of a military academy in New York.
10. Students in _____, a California city of Rose Bowl football fame, call DEAN A SAP.
11. People aren't ALL SAD in _____, a Texas city.
12. Let's go TO BALMIER climate in_____, a city in Maryland.
13. If you were visiting this city in the Rocky Mountains, you could buy a newspaper from a news VENDER_____.

WHICH STATES DO YOU THINK THESE CITIES ARE IN?

1. Chicago,_____
2. Dallas,_____
3. Philadelphia,_____
4. Miami, _____
5. Los Angeles, _____
6. Boston,_____
7. San Francisco,_____
8. Seattle,_____
9. Omaha,_____
10. Cleveland,_____
11. Pittsburgh,_____
12. St. Louis,_____
13. Tampa,_____
14. San Diego,_____
15. Fort Worth,_____
16. Baltimore,_____
17. Portland,_____
18. Atlanta,_____
19. Detroit,_____
20. Milwaukee_____

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The activity above may be used:

1. At any time to test the general knowledge of the students. If the answers are checked in class, students should cross out any incorrect answers and write the correct state.
2. With maps as a reference.

CITY-STATE MATCH GAME

To help children readily associate the names of large or capital cities with their corresponding states, try this card game. Cut large sheets of tagboard into 52 playing card-sized pieces. On 26 of these, print the names of large cities in the U.S.A. and on the remaining 26 cards, print the names of the states they can be found in. Groups of children play the game by taking turns drawing one card at a time from the deck and discarding every pair of city-state cards they draw. When the deck is gone, the players continue by drawing from one another's hands. The object of the game is to make as many matches as possible and not be the last person left holding a card. Assign someone to check the discarded pairs and make sure they match correctly. If a player makes an incorrect match, he must take the cards back and forfeit two draws before he can reenter the game. This idea can also be used for cities and countries around the world.

POSSIBLE CITIES TO USE:

Chicago, Dallas, Philadelphia, Miami, Los Angeles, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Omaha, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Tampa, New Orleans, San Diego, Fort Worth, Baltimore, Portland, Atlanta, Albuquerque, Detroit, Milwaukee, Tucson, Memphis, Newark, Charlotte, etc.

FIND YOUR FORTUNE: Use a map of the U.S.A. to figure out your message.

1. 6th letter in state south of New York _____.

2. 5th letter in state north of Pennsylvania_____.

3. 2nd letter in the capital of Texas _____.

4. 1st and 2nd letters in state north of Illinois ___ ___.

5. 2nd and 3rd letters in state west of Indiana ____ ____.

6. 3rd letter in state north of Kansas _____.

7. 3rd letter in capital of Wyoming._____.

8. 1st word in name of biggest lake in Utah_____

MESSAGE:

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

__ __ __ __ __!

Capital Hunt

Number of States You Knew

—XEP map by J. Carnicelli

Write the name of the correct state beside each capital. Check your answers with a map. Write in the number of states you knew at the top. Now finish your sheet using a map.

Albany_____

Annapolis_____

Atlanta_____

Augusta_____

Austin_____

Baton Rouge_____

Bismarck_____

Boise_____

Boston_____

Carson City_____

Charleston_____

Cheyenne_____

Columbia_____

Columbus_____

Concord_____

Denver_____

Des Moines_____

Dover_____

Frankfurt_____

Harrisburg_____

Hartford_____

Helena_____

Honolulu_____

Indianapolis_____

Jackson_____

Jefferson City_____

Juneau_____

Lansing_____

Lincoln_____

Little Rock_____

Madison_____

Montgomery_____

Nashville_____

Oklahoma City_____

Olympia_____

Phoenix_____

Pierre_____

Providence_____

Raleigh_____

Richmond_____

Sacramento_____

Salem_____

Salt Lake City_____

Santa Fe_____

Springfield_____

St. Paul_____

Tallahassee_____

Topeka_____

Trenton_____

Write down the name of the state to the correct capital.

CAPITAL	STATE
1. Columbia	_____
2. Sacramento	_____
3. Honolulu	_____
4. Salem	_____
5. Columbus	_____
6. Baton Rouge	_____
7. Springfield	_____
8. Pierre	_____
9. Tallahassee	_____
10. Salt Lake City	_____
11. Lincoln	_____

MESSAGE:

When you are finished, write the first letter of each state in order.

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ !

MEMORIZING STATES AND CAPITALS

Length of time: 5 weeks

Each week give the students a list of ten states and capitals to memorize. For each week on:

DAY ONE-Give the students the list of states and capitals to memorize.

DAY THREE-The students take a matching quiz. Students check their own quiz in class. They should cross out any incorrect answers and write the correct one.

DAY FIVE-Give the students a list of the week's ten states. They are to write the correct capital beside the name of the state. The teacher should check these.

A sample list appears on the next page.

CULMINATING ACTIVITY:

A matching test could be given. I would recommend breaking the fifty states and capitals into at least two sections.

LIST # 1

1. Alabama-Montgomery
2. Alaska-Juneau
3. Arizona-Phoenix
4. Arkansas-Little Rock
5. California-Sacramento
6. Colorado-Denver
7. Connecticut-Hartford
8. Delaware-Denver
9. Florida-Tallahassee
10. Georgia-Atlanta

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LIST # 1

1.	_____Connecticut	a.	Dover
2.	_____Georgia	b.	Tallahassee
3.	_____Alabama	c.	Juneau
4.	_____Colorado	d.	Sacramento
5.	_____Alaska	e.	Little Rock
6.	_____Florida	f.	Phoenix
7.	_____Arizona	g.	Atlanta
8.	_____Delaware	h.	Hartford
9.	_____Arkansas	i.	Montgomery
10.	_____California	j.	Denver

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List # 1

1.	Alaska _____	6.	Florida_____
2.	California_____	7.	Alabama_____
3.	Georgia_____	8.	Arizona_____
4.	Colorado_____	9.	Arkansas_____
5.	Delaware_____	10.	Connecticut_____

ZIP AROUND CARD GAME

Materials: Prepared deck of 10 cards

Players: 1-2

Purpose: Arrange the cards so that the capital matches the state of the previous card. On the last card, the state should match the capital on the first card. These cards could be made self-checking by numbering them on the back. The capitals and states may be written in different colors.

SAMPLE:

Springfield Massachusetts	Boston Texas	Austin New York	Albany Missouri	Jefferson City Pennsylvania

Harrisburg California	Sacramento Idaho	Boise Maine	Augusta North Dakota	Bismarck Illinois

CHECKER STATES

Purpose: To reinforce memorization of the fifty states and capitals

Players: 3 players - 2 to compete and 1 to be the answer key keeper

Materials:
- gameboards
- 8 black checkers and 8 red checkers per board
- answer key

Making the gameboards: 1. Make the squares 1½" x 1½"

2.

The state name is written twice so it can be read by both players. Example: For player A write the states he/she reads in red. For player B, write the states in blue.

Directions: If students are playing with a gameboard that has the states written on it, they must correctly name the capital before moving. If the opposing disagrees with the answer, he/she questions the answer key keeper. If an answer is incorrect, the student cannot move that turn. If a player wants to know a capital that he does not know, he may ask the answer key keeper, but the player may not move on that turn.

Students playing with the gameboard that have the capitals written on it must name the correct states before moving.

Cautions: 1. The states and capitals should be studied before playing this game.
2. Students who need more reinforcement should have a more successful time using the gameboard with the capitals on it.
3. Students who know very few states and capitals could be the answer key keeper.

#1	Georgia Georgia		Kansas Kansas		Arkansas Arkansas		Connecticut Connecticut
Montana Montana		Idaho Idaho		Tennessee Tennessee		Kentucky Kentucky	
	Colorado Colorado		Missouri Missouri		Massachusetts Massachusetts		Arizona Arizona
Indiana Indiana		Michigan Michigan		Wyoming Wyoming		Oklahoma Oklahoma	
	Ohio Ohio		Vermont Vermont		Texas Texas		California California
	Oregon Oregon		Delaware Delaware		Mississippi Mississippi		Alaska Alaska
	Hawaii Hawaii		New York New York		Florida Florida		Alabama Alabama
Illinois Illinois		Utah Utah		Nebraska Nebraska		Wisconsin Wisconsin	

ANSWER KEY
#1

1. Alabama-Montgomery
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4. Arkansas-Little Rock
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6. Colorado-Denver
7. Connecticut-Hartford
8. Delaware-Dover
9. Florida-Tallahassee
10. Georgia-Atlanta
11. Hawaii-Honolulu
12. Idaho-Boise
13. Illinois-Springfield
14. Indiana-Indianapolis
15. Kansas-Topeka
16. Kentucky-Frankfort
17. Massachusetts-Boston
18. Michigan-Lansing
19. Mississippi-Jackson
20. Missouri-Jefferson City
21. Montana-Helena
22. Nebraska-Lincoln
23. New York-Albany
24. Ohio-Columbus
25. Oklahoma-Oklahoma City
26. Oregon-Salem
27. Tennessee-Nashville
28. Texas-Austin
29. Utah-Salt Lake City
30. Vermont-Montpelier
31. Wisconsin-Madison
32. Wyoming-Cheyenne

I'M THINKING OF A STATE

Purpose: To make students more familiar with the locations of the states of the U. S. A.

Players: Entire class

Materials: Political wall map of the U. S. A.

Directions: The teacher selects a student to stand by the map. After he/she has chosen a state, he/she starts the game saying, "I'm thinking of a state." During the first FOUR questions, no one is to ask the name of a state, such as, "Is it Delaware?" The class should concentrate on pinpointing the location of the state. After four questions have been asked, when someone does ask the name of a state and is given a "no" answer, that student is out for that round. If a student guesses correctly, it is his/her turn to stand by the map and select a state. A new round begins.

Possible Questions: "Does the state border an ocean?" "Is it west of the Mississippi River?" "Does it border Canada?" "Is the state a neighbor of Iowa?" An unacceptable question is: "Is the state purple on the map?"

Caution: Students must work on their listening so that they may make logical deductions.

Variations: 1. Use a world political map and select countries or cities.
2. Use the maps in the back of their textbooks.

TRACK MEET

Purpose: To review the correct spelling of social studies words

Players: 2 - 4 teams with a captain for each team.

Materials: A list of spelling words for each captain. Competing teams should have the same words but in a reverse order.

Directions: Each team gets in a line. After the game begins, the first person in each team goes up to the chalkboard. The captain reads the first word on the list and the first person writes it on the chalkboard. Then the second person goes up to the chalkboard. If the first word is misspelled, the captain repeats it for the second person who must erase it and try to spell it correctly. IF the word is spelled correctly, the third person may then try to spell the second word. A team may not advance on the list until a word is spelled correctly. After a team advances with the list, they may not return to a word. Although a team may finish first, they may lose if the second or third team, etc. get more words correct.

POSSIBLE LIST:

Team #1

1. Hawaii
2. Rhode Island
3. New Mexico
4. Georgia
5. Virginia
6. Missouri
7. Tennessee
8. Arizona
9. Florida
10. New Hampshire
11. Connecticut
12. Oklahoma
13. California
14. Illinois
15. Delaware
16. Minnesota
17. Pennsylvania
18. North Carolina
19. Nevada
20. Massachusetts

Cautions: 1. Captains should be students who are observant and can spot errors.
2. Write the lists on tagboard so that the captain doesn't get them all bent up and you can use them again.

Variation: This game can be played with regular spelling words.

DIRECTIONS: Use the Rand McNally Road Atlas. Find 30 towns or cities in the U.S.A. that have the same names as places in Iowa. Be sure to include the name of the state that they are in. Use an Iowa map to help you. Do not use a town or city name more than once.

Examples: Marengo, Illinois
Independence, Missouri
Manchester, Georgia

1. _____ 16. _____
2. _____ 17. _____
3. _____ 18. _____
4. _____ 19. _____
5. _____ 20. _____
6. _____ 21. _____
7. _____ 22. _____
8. _____ 23. _____
9. _____ 24. _____
10. _____ 25. _____
11. _____ 26. _____
12. _____ 27. _____
13. _____ 28. _____
14. _____ 29. _____
15. _____ 30. _____

* Try to find 5 or more town or cities in different states with the same name as the one you live in.

Directions: Compare the populations of the towns or cities with the same name. Use the index at the back of the Atlas.

TOWN OR CITY	POPULATION IN IOWA	NAME OF OTHER STATE	and	POPULATION	DIFFERENCE
Ex.—Independence	5,910	Missouri		114,000	108,090
1. _____	_____	_____		_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____		_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____		_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____		_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____		_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____		_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____		_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____		_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____		_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____		_____	_____

* What are the population estimates based upon?

Directions: Use the Rand McNally Road Atlas. Make a list of 40 towns or or cities that use the names of girls or boys. Include the name of the state.

Examples: Teddy, Kentucky
Mt. Holly, Vermont
Clarkia, Idaho

BOYS		GIRLS	
1.	_____	21.	_____
2.	_____	22.	_____
3.	_____	23.	_____
4.	_____	24.	_____
5.	_____	25.	_____
6.	_____	26.	_____
7.	_____	27.	_____
8.	_____	28.	_____
9.	_____	29.	_____
10.	_____	30.	_____
11.	_____	31.	_____
12.	_____	32.	_____
13.	_____	33.	_____
14.	_____	34.	_____
15.	_____	35.	_____
16.	_____	36.	_____
17.	_____	37.	_____
18.	_____	38.	_____
19.	_____	39.	_____
20.	_____	40.	_____

CARD GAME

A. The top of the card contains the answer.

B. The bottom of the card contains the question.

C. Cards are numbered to make them self-checking.

D. Card 1--The answer at the top of this will be the answer to the last question in the series. The questions at the bottom will be the first question in the series.

E. Card 2--The answer at the top will be the answer to question 1 in the series. The question at the bottom will be question 2 in the series, and so on.

Any number may play. Deal out all the cards. Appoint someone to start. He/she reads the question on his/her cards. Whoever has the answer reads it and collects the first person's card. This player then reads the question at the bottom of his card and when it is answered he/she passes this card and any he/she has collected to the person who answered his/her question. Continue reading questions, answering, and passing cards. The winner is the person who collects all the cards.

STATES/CAPITALS

I have:	Who has the capital of:
1. Cheyenne	Alabama
2. Montgomery	Alaska
3. Juneau soon to be Willow	Arizona
4. Phoenix	Arkansas
5. Little Rock	California
6. Sacramento	Colorado
7. Denver	Connecticut
8. Hartford	Delaware
9. Dover	Florida
10. Tallahassee	Georgia
11. Atlanta	Hawaii
12. Honolulu	Idaho

STATES/CAPITALS (cont'd)

I have:	Who has the capital of:
13. Boise	Illinois
14. Springfield	Indiana
15. Indianapolis	Iowa
16. Des Moines	Kansas
17. Topeka	Kentucky
18. Frankfort	Louisiana
19. Baton Rouge	Louisiana
20. Augusta	Maryland
21. Annapolis	Massachusetts
22. Boston	Michigan
23. Lansing	Minnesota
24. St. Paul	Mississippi
25. Jackson	Missouri
26. Jefferson City	Montana
27. Helena	Nebraska
28. Lincoln	Nevada
29. Carson City	New Hampshire
30. Concord	New Jersey
31. Trenton	New Mexico
32. Santa Fe	New York
33. Albany	North Carolina
34. Raleigh	North Dakota
35. Bismarck	Ohio
36. Columbus	Oklahoma
37. Oklahoma City	Oregon
38. Salem	Pennsylvania
39. Harrisburg	Rhode Island
40. Providence	South Carolina
41. Columbia	South Dakota
42. Pierre	Tennessee
43. Nashville	Texas
44. Austin	Utah
45. Salt Lake City	Vermont
46. Montpelier	Virginia
47. Richmond	Washington
48. Olympia	West Virginia
49. Charleston	Wisconsin
50. Madison	Wyoming

U. S. A. MAP GAME

Materials needed:

markers

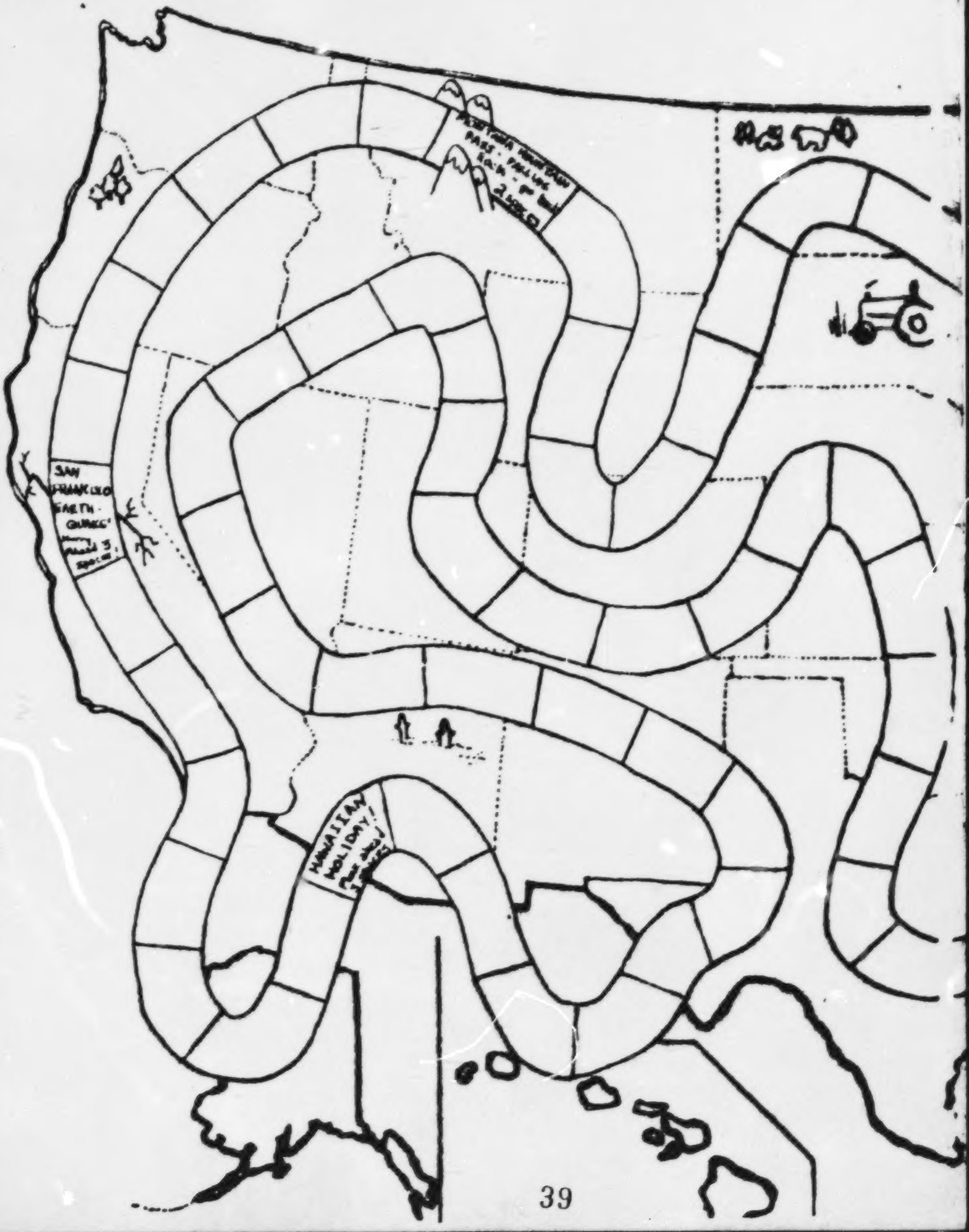
questions and answer key

game board

Directions: The quizmaster asks the question. If a player is correct, he/she moves ahead two spaces. If the player is incorrect, he/she moves back one space.

QUESTIONS

1. In which state would you find Niagara Falls?
2. In which state would you find the Liberty Bell?
3. In which state would you find the Statue of Liberty?
4. In which state would you find Mt. McKinley?
5. In which state would you find the Grand Canyon?
6. In which state would you find Pike's Peak?
7. In which state would you find the Alamo?
8. Name a state capital that may have been named after a famous person.
9. Which state is completely surrounded by water?
10. Which state would you find Mt. Rushmore in?
11. Eight states begin with letter "m". Move a space for each state that you can name.
12. In which state is Lake Mead?
13. Name a state that borders Canada.
14. Name a state that borders Mexico.
15. Name a state that borders the Gulf of Mexico.
16. Name a state that borders the Atlantic Ocean.
17. Name a state that borders the Mississippi River.
18. Which state is farthest south?
19. Name a state capital that contains two or more words.
20. Where would you find Death Valley?
21. Where is the Painted Desert?



START
THE END

STATE YOUR CAPITAL

START	ARKAN-SAS	IOWA	OHIO	MAINE	FLORIDA	NORTH DAKOTA	COLO-RADO	NEVADA
GEORGIA	NEBRASKA	MOVE BACK 3 SPACES	ILLINOIS	NEW MEXICO	VERMONT	MOVE AHEAD 3 SPACES	LOUISI-ANA	HAWAII
MOVE TO HAWAII	WYOMING	MARY-LAND					MOVE AHEAD 2 SPACES	WEST VIRGINIA
MISS-OURI	MOVE AHEAD 1 SPACE	OREGON					MINNE-SOTA	KENTUCKY
CALIF-ORNIA	SOUTH DAKOTA	NORTH CAROLINA					MOVE TO MISSOURI	NEW JERSEY
UTAH	IDAHO	MISSISS-IPPI					TEXAS	ALASKA
ALABAMA	WASHING-TON	ARIZONA	MASSA-CHUSETTS	TENNE-SSEE	MOVE BACK 1 SPACE	GO BACK TO OHIO	MOVE TO INDIANA	SOUTH CAROLINA
NEW YORK	MOVE TO VERMONT	RHODE ISLAND	MOVE TO ALASKA	PENNSYL-VANIA	NEW HAMP-SHIRE	WISCON-SIN	CONN-ECTICUT	KANSAS
OKLA-HOMA	MICHI-GAN	DELAWARE	VIRGINIA	MOVE TO OHIO	INDIANA	MOVE TO UTAH	MONTANA	MOVE BACK 2 SPACES

A child rolls the dice, moves indicated spaces, and tries to name the capital of the state for the square he lands in. The referee has a key. If correct, the player moves ahead 1 space and tries again, continuing until he fails to name a capital. When the player does miss, the referee reads the correct answer and another player takes a turn, again starting at "start". The first player to finish wins.

STATE NICKNAMES

AL-Heart of Dixie

AK-Last Frontier

AZ-Grand Canyon State

AR-Land of Opportunity

CA-Golden State

CO-Centennial State

CT-Constitution State

DE-First State

FL-Sunshine State

GA-Empire State of the South

HI-The Aloha State

ID-The Gem State

IL-Land of Lincoln

IN-Hoosier State

IA-Hawkeye State

KS-Sunflower State

KY-Bluegrass State

LA-Pelican State

ME-Pine Tree State

MD-Old Line State

MA-Bay State

MI-Wolverine State

MN-Gopher State

MS-Magnolia State

MO-Show Me State

MT-Treasure State

NE-Cornhusker State

NV-Silver State

NH-Granite State

NJ-Garden State

NM-Land of Enchantment

NY-Empire State

NC-Tar Heel State

ND-Flickertail State

OH-Buckeye State

OK-Sooner State

OR-Beaver State

PA-Keystone State

RI-Little Rhody

SC-Palmetto State

SD-Coyote State

TN-Volunteer State

TX-Lone Star State

UT-Beehive State

VT-Green Mountain State

VA-Mother of Presidents or Old Dominion

WA-Evergreen State

WV-Mountain State

WI-Badger State

WY-Equality State

STATES OF THE UNITED STATES

State	Capital	Land Area	Year of Admission
Alabama	Montgomery	50,708	1819
Alaska	Juneau	566,432	1959
Arizona	Phoenix	113,417	1912
Arkansas	Little Rock	51,945	1836
California	Sacramento	156,361	1850
Colorado	Denver	103,766	1876
Connecticut	Hartford	4, 862	1788
Delaware	Dover	1,982	1787
Florida	Tallahassee	54,090	1845
Georgia	Atlanta	58,073	1788
Hawaii	Honolulu	6,425	1959
Idaho	Boise	82,677	1890
Illinois	Springfield	55,748	1818
Indiana	Indianapolis	36,097	1816
Iowa	Des Moines	55,941	Dec. 28,1846
Kansas	Topeka	81,787	1861
Kentucky	Frankfort	39,650	1792
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	44,930	1812
Maine	Augusta	30,920	1820
Maryland	Annapolis	9,891	1788
Massachusetts	Boston	7,826	1788
Michigan	Lansing	56,817	1837
Minnesota	St. Paul	79,289	1858
Mississippi	Jackson	47,296	1817
Missouri	Jefferson City	68,995	1821
Montana	Helena	145,587	1889
Nebraska	Lincoln	76,483	1867
Nevada	Carson City	109,889	1864
New Hampshire	Concord	9,027	1788
New Jersey	Trenton	7,521	1787
New Mexico	Santa Fe	121,412	1912
New York	Albany	47,831	1788
North Carolina	Raleigh	48,798	1789
North Dakota	Bismarck	69,273	1889
Ohio	Columbus	40,975	1803
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	68,782	1907
Oregon	Salem	96,184	1859
Pennsylvania	Harrisburg	44,966	1787
Rhode Island	Providence	1,049	1790
South Carolina	Columbia	30,225	1788
South Dakota	Pierre	75,955	1889
Tennessee	Nashville	41,328	1796
Texas	Austin	262,134	1845
Utah	Salt Lake City	82,906	1896
Vermont	Montpelier	9,267	1791
Virginia	Richmond	39,780	1788
Washington	Olympia	66,570	1889
West Virginia	Charleston	24,070	1863
Wisconsin	Madison	54,464	1848
Wyoming	Cheyenne	97,203	1890

BIRDS, TREES, AND FLOWERS OF THE UNITED STATES

State	Bird	Tree	Flower
Alabama	Yellowhammer	Southern Pine	Camellia
Alaska	Willow Ptarmigan	Sitka Spruce	Forget-me-not
Arizona	Cactus Wren	Paloverde	Giant Cactus
Arkansas	Mockingbird	Pine	Apple Blossom
California	Valley Quail	Redwood	Calif. Poppy
Colorado	Lark Bunting	Colo. Blue Spruce	Columbine
Connecticut	American Robin	White Oak	Mt. Laurel
Delaware	Blue Hen Chicken	American Holly	Peach Blossom
Florida	Mockingbird	Sabal Palm	Orange Blossom
Georgia	Brown Thrasher	Live Oak	Cherokee Rose
Hawaii	Nene	Kukui	Hibiscus
Idaho	Mountain Bluebird	West. White Pine	Lewis Mock Orange
Illinois	Cardinal	White Oak	Native Violet
Indiana	Cardinal	Tulip	Peony
Iowa	East. Goldfinch	Oak	Wild Rose
Kansas	West. Meadow Lark	Cottonwood	Sunflower
Kentucky	Cardinal	Tulip	Goldenrod
Louisiana	East. Brown Pelican	Bald Cypress	Southern Magnolia
Maine	Chickadee	East. White Pine	Pine Cone and Tassel
Maryland	Baltimore Oriole	White Oak	Black-eyed Susan
Massachusetts	Chickadee	American Elm	Mayflower
Michigan	Robin	White Pine	Apple Blossom
Minnesota	Loon	Red Pine	Showy LadySlipper
Mississippi	Mockingbird	Magnolia	Magnolia
Missouri	East. Bluebird	Dogwood	Hawthorn
Montana	West. Meadow Lark	Ponderosa Pine	Bitterroot
Nebraska	West. Meadow Lark	Cottonwood	Goldenrod
Nevada	Mountain Bluebird	Single-leak Pinon	Sagebrush
New Hampshire	Purple Finch	Paper Birch	Purple Lilac
New Jersey	East. Goldfinch	Red Oak	Purple Violet
New Mexico	Road Runner	Pinon	Yucca
New York	Bluebird	Sugar Maple	Rose
North Carolina	Cardinal	Pine	Dogwood
North Dakota	West. Meadow Lark	American Elm	Wild Prairie Rose
Ohio	Cardinal	Ohio Buckeye	Scarlet Carnation
Oklahoma	Scissortailed Catcher	Redbud	Mistletoe
Oregon	West. Meadow Lark	Douglas Fir	Oregon Grape
Pennsylvania	Ruffed Grouse	East. Hemlock	Mountain Laurel
Rhode Island	Rode Island Red	Red Maple	Violet
South Carolina	Caroline Wren	Palmetto	Caroline Jessamine
South Dakota	Ringneck Pheasant	Black Hills Spruce	American Jasque
Tennessee	Mockingbird	Tulip Poplar	Bluebonnet
Utah	Calif. Gull	Blue Spruce	Sego Lily
Vermont	Hermit Thrush	Sugar Maple	Red Clover
Virginia	Cardinal	Flowering Dogwood	Flowering Dogwood
Washington	Amer. Goldfinch	West. Hemlock	Coast Rhododendron
West Virginia	Cardinal	Sugar Maple	Rhododendron
Wisconsin	Robin	Sugar Maple	Butterfly Violet
Wyoming	West. Meadow Lark	Plains Cottonwood	Wyoming Paint Brush
Dist. of Col.	Wood Thrush	Scarlet Oak	American Beauty Rose

Here are the answers to the more difficult pages:

STATES IN BRIEF:

1. LA
2. WA
3. RI
4. HI
5. IL
6. IN
7. SC
8. DE
9. NY
10. AK
11. IA
12. VA
13. ID
14. UT
15. AL
16. ME or OR
17. NC
18. KY

HIDDEN CITIES

1. Denver
2. Miami
3. Dayton
4. Omaha
5. Portland
6. Augusta
7. Helena
8. St. Paul
9. Anchorage
10. Dover
11. Buffalo
12. Richmond
13. Ft. Worth
14. Springfield
15. Waterloo
16. St. Louis

STATED STRANGELY:

1. Idaho
2. New York
3. Colorado
4. Indiana
5. Georgia
6. Nevada
7. Kentucky
8. New Jersey
9. Missouri
10. Montana
11. Texas
12. Delaware
13. South Carolina
14. Maryland
15. Oregon
16. Florida
17. Ohio
18. Illinois
19. Alaska
20. Vermont
21. Iowa
22. Alaska
23. Missouri

SOME OF THE LARGEST CITIES

1. New York City
2. Los Angeles
3. Chicago
4. Philadelphia
5. Detroit
6. San Francisco
7. Boston
8. Pittsburgh
9. St. Louis
10. Washington, D.C.